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**SERIAL NO.** Division of 09/103,869

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**FOR:** OPTICAL REPRODUCING DEVICE AND OPTICAL MEMORY MEDIUM

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**PRELIMINARY MENDMENT**

Please amend the above application as follows.

In the Specification:

Please insert on page 1 after the title the following new paragraph and sub-title:

Cross-reference to Related Applications

This application is a divisional application of U.S. Serial No. 09/103,869 filed

June 24, 1998.

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In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-12.

**REMARKS**

Applicants claim priority from Japanese Patent Application No. 9-167009 filed June 24, 1997 and Japanese Patent Application No. 9-192361 filed July 17, 1997. Certified copies of the priority applications were submitted in the parent application and acknowledged in the Notice of Allowability dated May 4, 2001.

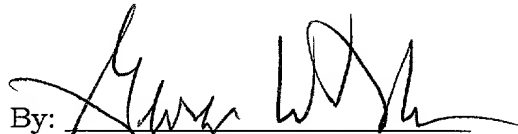
An early reconsideration and notice of allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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Claims 1-12 are cancelled.

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